

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 3-4 and 9-20 without prejudice.

1. (Previously Presented) A device for at least one of reading information stored on an information plate and writing information on the information plate, comprising:

a loading mechanism for loading and unloading the information plate, wherein the loading mechanism comprises at least one movable scanning lever for detecting a position of the information plate and guides arranged on two pivoting arms, the lever designed to contact a plate edge of the information plate, and

a position sensor for supplying position information on the position of the information plate in dependence on the position of the scanning lever.

2. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the position sensor comprises a variable resistor, and wherein the scanning lever changes the resistance of the variable resistor in dependence on the position of the information plate.

5. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a control unit capable of receiving the position information from the position sensor and generating at least one of a start signal and a stop signal based on the position information; and

wherein the loading mechanism is capable of loading and unloading the information plate based on at least one of the start signal and the stop signal.

6. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the scanning lever and one of the pivoting arms are journaled around a common pivot axis.

7. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one guide comprises a transport wheel and another guide comprises a roller element.

8. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information plate comprises one of a CD, a CD-ROM, and a DVD.

Claims 9-20 (cancelled).